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Dear Bedell:

I hear that Bernard Baruch is giving you a dinner on the night of the 28th. Needless to say, I am delighted to see that our old friend is paying you this compliment and unless the heavens fall, I shall be among those present.

Two men have recently written me asking me to recommend them to you for positions with the CIA. In both instances, they are retired officers, and in answering them, I have sent only non-commital replies. I attach a little slip which you can tuck away among your memoranda and hand someday to your new personnel officer.

You know how much we are going to miss you in New York. I am deeply disappointed that you are leaving but I do agree with the President that there is no one else who can handle the CIA job as effectively as you can.

I shall be seeing you within a few days.

Cordially,

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